

BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENT

The specification has been amended as supported by the specification as originally filed.

Claims 28, 30 and 31 have been canceled. The limitations of Claim 30 (and 28) have been included in Claim 1.

Claims 32-33 have been added as supported by Claim 1 as originally filed.

No new matter is believed to have been added by entry of this amendment. Entry and favorable reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this amendment Claims 1-11 and 13-27, 29, 32-33 will now be active in this application.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application, as amended, in view of the following remarks.

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Reddy for indicating allowability of Claim 30 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, the limitations of allowable Claim 30 and intervening Claim 28 have been included in Claim 1. Thus, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Regarding the provisional double patenting rejection over Serial No. 10/587,257, a terminal disclaimer is attached herewith to obviate the same.

Regarding the provisional double patenting rejection over Serial No. 11/547,238, the MPEP instructs the Examiner to withdraw the provisional rejection if it is the only issue remaining in one case and convert the provisional rejection in the other application to a double patenting rejection. MPEP 822.01. (Notably, the present application Serial No. 10/588,210, was filed earlier than Serial No. 11/547,238.) Thus, the provisional double-patenting rejections should be withdrawn.

The objection to the specification is obviated by the amendment of the specification.

The rejection of Claims 28, 30 and 31 is moot in view of the cancellation of these claims.

This application presents allowable subject matter, and the Examiner is kindly requested to pass it to issue. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the claims or otherwise wish to discuss this case, he is kindly invited to contact Applicants' below-signed

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representative, who would be happy to provide any assistance deemed necessary in speeding this application to allowance.


Respectfully submitted,

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